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FREE DISCUSSION ON INDIAN COLLEGES AT HARVARD

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a presentation on the *Indian Colleges at Harvard and the Indian Pastors of Colonial New England* by Dr. Rick Kennedy, professor of history at Point Loma Nazarene University on **Monday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.** in Room 563 of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. Professor Kennedy's presentation is in conjunction with the 2013 [*One Book One, San Diego*](#) reading campaign sponsored by KPBS and the San Diego Public Library. This year's *One Book* title is *Caleb's Crossing* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks.

Caleb's Crossing is the true story of the first American Indian to graduate from Harvard University. Set in 1660s Martha's Vineyard and narrated by the daughter of a Puritan minister, the story depicts the encounter of two very different cultures. It depicts well the Puritan insistence that clergy must be highly educated. The British insistence that Indians must learn Latin, Greek, and some Hebrew before they could be pastors of churches was similar to the Spanish insistence here in California that Indians must be highly educated before they could become priests. The Spanish partially succeeded in educating to this level two Indians from Mission San Luis Rey, but required the Indian boys to go to Mexico City for their education. The British colonial colleges were more local and successful. One hundred and thirty three Indians became preachers and teachers in New England.

Professor Kennedy will discuss the story of Caleb's education in *Caleb's Crossing*, relating his story to the history of Indian education at colonial colleges. He is a professor of history at Point Loma Nazarene University. His books include *Aristotelian and Cartesian Logic at Harvard* (1995) and *Student Notebooks at Colonial Harvard: Manuscripts and Educational Practice, 1650-1740*, co-written with Thomas Knoles and Lucia Zaucha Knoles (2004). He is presently working on a biography of the colonial American pastor-scholar Cotton Mather to be published in 2014 and an edition of Cotton Mather's *Biblia Americana* to be published in 2017.

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[One Book One San Diego](#) is a seven-year-old partnership between KPBS, San Diego Public Library, and San Diego County Library designed to bring the community together through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Still more *One Book* events have been scheduled at the various City and County libraries. *One Book* is made possible by the Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control and the Cubic Corporation.

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